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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For VIDEO GAME SYSTEM USING TRADING CARDS

Enclosed are:

- [x] 2 sheet(s) of informal drawing(s), Figures 1-2.
- [x] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. 1.27
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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37  
C.F.R. §§1.9(f) AND 1.27(c)) -- SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I declare that I am:

☐ the owner of the small business concern  
identified below.

☒ an official of the small concern  
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NAME OF CONCERN Hero, Inc.

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I declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 C.F.R. §121.3-18 and reproduced in 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d) for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 U.S.C. §41(a) and 41(b) in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern with regard to the invention entitled:

VIDEO GAME SYSTEM USING TRADING CARDS

by inventor(s) Carl P. Pearson

as described in:

☒ the specification filed herewith.

If the rights held by the small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(e).\*

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